

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 877

By Harrison

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Church Hill Police Officer Ethan Mays for his heroism in responding to a residential fire.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal concerns to ensure the public welfare, and it is fitting that this General Assembly should salute those citizens who have performed above and beyond the call of duty in service of public safety; and

WHEREAS, Ethan Mays, an officer with the Church Hill Police Department, served with courage and took decisive action while responding to a residential fire during the early morning hours of February 23, 2014, and he deserves proper recognition for the heroism he displayed in that instance; and

WHEREAS, at approximately 12:40 a.m. on February 23, 2014, the Church Hill Fire Department was dispatched to a residential fire at a mobile home park; all Church Hill police officers also serve with the fire department, and several officers responded individually in their own vehicles; and

WHEREAS, Officer Mays was the first firefighter to arrive on the scene, even before the fire trucks, and he responded decisively; and

WHEREAS, after donning fire gear, Officer Mays ran to the home's front door and tried to visually locate any victims inside; and

WHEREAS, after one victim was located and pulled to safety, Officer Mays and the other firefighters carried the injured person to an awaiting ambulance; unfortunately, the victim later succumbed to his injuries at the hospital; and

WHEREAS, Officer Ethan Mays performed his duties with the utmost bravery, dedication, and professionalism, and his service can only be categorized as outstanding; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Church Hill Police Officer Ethan Mays for his heroism in responding to a residential fire on February 23, 2014, and offer our thanks for a difficult job well done.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.